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Examining Group 1761

Application No. 10/035,487

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Application No. : 10/035,487 Confirmation No. : 3710

Applicants : **Yasuo Konishi et al.**

Filed : October 19, 2001

Title : **METHOD OF PROCESSING STARCH GRAIN
MATERIAL AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURING
FERMENTED PRODUCT USING THE PROCESSED
MATERIAL**

Group Art Unit : 1761

Examiner : Curtis Edward Sherrer

Customer No. : 28289

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

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Commissioner for Patents

P. O. Box 1450

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Sir:

In response to the final Office Action of August 2, 2004, Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks, together with a one-month Petition for Extension of Time and a Request for Continued Examination (RCE).

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.

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